(b) if so, whether the plan will include transmission network expansion and a matching distribution augmentation;

(c) if so, the investment required for the expansion;

(d) whether any new ultra mega power projects are envisaged in Andhra Pradesh to realize the plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Working Group on Power for the Eleventh Plan submitted its report on 31.1.2007. Based on assumption of likely capacity addition of 30641 MW during the Tenth Plan, the Working Group has proposed a capacity of 68869 MW to be added during Eleventh Plan. Based on actual capacity addition of 21180 MW and upgrading of few units, the likely capacity to be added in Eleventh Plan works out to 78577 MW; transmission expansion plan matching with generation expansion plan has also been proposed in the report submitted by the Working Group.

Distribution network has to be developed by the distribution companies in their respective areas of supply to meet the load growth.

(c) The overall requirement of funds in the Eleventh Plan has been estimated by the Working Group at Rs. 10,31,600 crore which *inter-alia* include Rs. 4,10,896 crore towards generation projects, Rs. 1,40,000 crore towards transmission and Rs. 2,87,000 crore for distribution including rural electrification.

(d) to (f) One Ultra Mega Power Project (4000 MW) in Andhra Pradesh is envisaged at Krishnapatnam. Given the gestation period associated with the development of large size super critical projects, the benefits from this project have not been included in the Eleventh Plan generation capacity programme.

Increase in ceiling rate

4222. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has proposed to increase the ceiling rate of the unscheduled interchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CERC has also issued notices to some of the States for chronic overdrawing of power from the grid; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has revised the ceiling rate of Unscheduled Interchange (UI) with effect from 30.04.2007. The UI rate between 50.5 Hz and 49.50 Hz has not been revised. The UI rate between 49.50 Hz and 49.0 Hz has been enhanced progressively with ceiling UI rate of Rs. 7.45 per/kwh at 49 Hz against earlier ceiling rate of Rs. 5.70 per/kwh. Before enhancements of UI rates, comments from stakeholders were invited and a detailed order dated 05.04.2007 deliberating the comments was issued by the Commission.

(c) and (d) CERC issued notices on 13.02.2007 to the following 12 State utilities for chronic overdrawal under low-frequency conditions and directed them to explain why appropriate action should not be taken against them in terms of section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with section 149 thereof, for their failure to comply with the Grid Code:—

1. Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.
2. Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd.
3. Power Development Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir.
4. Punjab State Electricity Board.
5. Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd.
6. Delhi Transco Ltd.
7. Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd.
8. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd.
9. Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board.
10. Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board.
11. Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh.
12. Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd.